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Poor provision of baths and clothing to 'C' class prisoners in the Central Jail, Vellore.

* 441 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 'C' class prisoners in Vellore Jail are given baths only once a week, viz., on Sundays; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that 'C' class prisoners in that jail are given only one set of clothes without any other set for change?

A.—The information has been called for.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I take it, Sir, that the Government are prepared to consider and remedy the defects pointed out as soon as the information is received?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Yes, Sir, if any defect deserves to be remedied, it will be attended to."

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lashmipathi:—"Will the Hon. the Law Member recommend to the C class prisoners and convicts more than one bath once a week?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"The question will be considered."

Control of Cinematographs

Cinema companies licensed since 1930.

* 442 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cinema companies have been licensed in each district in each year since 1930;

(*b*) how many films have passed through the Cinema Board in each of those years; and

(*c*) what the rules are for constituting and functioning of such boards?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The attention of the M.L.C. is invited to the provisions in section 7 of the Cinematograph Act, 1918 (II of 1918), Part VII of the Madras Cinematograph Rules, 1933, published on pages 193–198 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Part I, dated the 30th January 1934, and the canons laid down in Appendix G to the Indian Cinematograph Committee Report.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"In answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*), the Government have stated that they have no information. May I ask, Sir, whether there is any great difficulty in obtaining the information?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. Pannirselvam:—"I really cannot see what useful purpose will be served by collecting statistics for five years regarding the number of companies licensed and the films which passed through the Cinema Board."